



## Mr. William E. Bridges

November 4, 1940 - September 7, 2018

William "Bill" E. Bridges, 77, of Dover, Florida, born on November 4, 1940, entered into eternal rest on September 7, 2018. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served in the Vietnam War, retired railroad conductor, and local strawberry farmer. He was a member of Dover Advent Christian Church, and Florida Beekeepers Association. He loved his family and church, and he enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joann Bridges; children, Jerry Bridges (Sheryl Cochran), and Cheri Craven (Charles), both of Dover; grandchildren, Billy Bridges, Shawn Tuvell, Kaitlyn Tuvell, and Brianna Tuvell; and siblings, John Bridges (Edna Earl) of St. Augustine, and Beth Smith (Tommy) of Monroe, Louisiana. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 11:00 A.M. at Dover Advent Christian Church, 14202 Downing Street, Dover, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice, c/o Chapters Health at [www.chaptershealth.org/give/donate/](http://www.chaptershealth.org/give/donate/). Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dover Advent Christian Church  
14202 Downing Street  
Dover, FL

## Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dover Advent Christian Church  
14202 Downing Street  
Dover, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William E. Bridges



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - September 11, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.



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September 11, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.



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September 11, 2018 at 03:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.*



September 11, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.*



September 11, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *Duke Mendel and the entire Duke's Brewhouse Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.*



**Duke Mendel and the entire Duke's Brewhouse Family -**  
September 11, 2018 at 10:18 AM



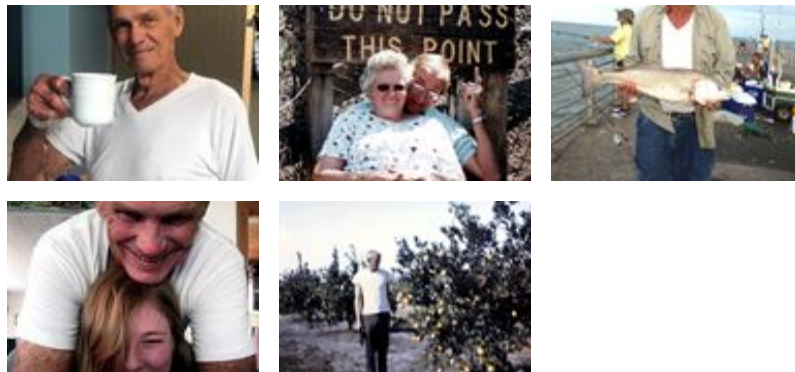
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.*



September 11, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - September 11, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.



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September 10, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.



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September 10, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.*



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September 10, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Joann and all of Bill's family. Your sadness and sense of loss must seem boundless at this time. It is perhaps comforting to know that he was loved and supported throughout his life. What more could anyone want? He will be greatly missed by us all.*

*Michael Lehtola*

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**Michael Lehtola** - September 10, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Ms. Joanne and family, We are so sorry to hear this news. He made me laugh at the last family reunion when I tried to take your picture and he was trying to help me get it. He seemed so easy going and a lot of fun to be around. We know you are going to miss him so much. Just know you are in our prayers. We love you. Your GA cousins, Karen & Craig Davis*

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**Karen Davis** - September 10, 2018 at 10:40 AM

GF

“ *Sad to read of Bill's passing. I enjoyed working with Bill, he was always calm and easy going.. I never seen him upset. May the good Lord be with his family in their time of sorrow.*



**Gilbert L. Hardin , Inverness, FL.** - September 10, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William E. Bridges.*



September 10, 2018 at 09:00 AM

AU

“ *Mr. Bridges was one if the kindest men we had ever met. He taught us a great deal about bees and honey. He loved his craft and loved to share with us how things worked. We are both very sad to hear he has passed, but now God has a very special man up there with him. Condolences to his wife and children.*  
*Audra and Eric*

**Audra** - September 09, 2018 at 05:14 PM

RS

“ *Work with Bill for many years. He was always great too work with. And love his family! Will miss him. Robert Smelt*

**Robert Smelt** - September 09, 2018 at 12:45 PM

EV

“ To a friend & classmate my condolences to the family. I enjoyed the days that we were in high school together & bird hunting during those times. *Everett Spinks*



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**Everett** - September 09, 2018 at 12:00 PM

KT

“ To one of the best conductors I ever had. He really knew his profession. Rest in Peace brother. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. *Ken and Paula Thomas*

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**Ken and Paula Thomas** - September 09, 2018 at 11:05 AM